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1. European Search Report (supplemental) dated April 10, 2003 (Exhibit 1);
2. Huang, S. et al. (1988) "A chromatofocusing study of human chorionic gonadotropin in biological fluids in normal pregnancy, pre-eclampsia and choriocarcinoma," J. Formos Med. Assoc. 87:1036-44 (Exhibit 2);
3. Kovalevskaya, G. et al. (2002) "Differential expression of human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG) glycosylation isoforms in failing and continuing pregnancies:

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preliminary characterization of the hyperglycosylated hCG epitope," J. Endocrinology 172:497-506 (Exhibit 3); and

4. Rau, B. et al. (1995) "Significance of beta-hCG in the serum as a tumor marker for gastric cancer," Langenbecks Arch. Cher. 380:359-64 (Exhibit 4).

On April 10, 2003, a supplemental European Search Report was issued in connection with European Patent Application No. 99925541.7, based on PCT International Application PCT/US99/02289 which is related to the subject application, citing references 2-4 above. A copy of the April 25, 2003 EPO Communication forwarding the April 10, 2003 supplemental Search Report is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The search report also lists Wilcox et al., Berger et al., O'Connor et al., and PCT International Publication No. WO 00/70094, which were previously disclosed in the subject application.

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